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SECDEF FOR DSAA; CINCEUR FOR ECJ7-PMA; CNO FOR OP-63

REFS: (A) ADDIS ABABA 1045 (290615Z JAN 74)
(B) SECSTATE 047999 (091755Z MAR 74) NOTAL

1.THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO RESPONSE TO REF (A) WHICH STRONGLY URGED RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION REGARDING GRANTING CREDIT TERMS TO ETHIOPIAN NAVY FOR HMS ETHIOPIA LABOR COSTS. IN VIEW MINIMUM 90 DAY LEAD TIME REQUIRED BY SHIPYARD, EVEN IF TERMS WERE AUTHORIZED AND ARRANGED THIS MONTH, EARLIEST POSSIBLE START OF OVERHAUL WILL HAVE SLIPPED TO JULY FROM PLANNED APRIL-MAY TIME FRAME.

2. AT EUCOM CONFERENCE 20-21 FEB., RADM GERHARD (OP-63) INFORMED CMAAG ETHIOPIA POSSIBILITY THAT LABOR COSTS COULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF FMS CREDIT PACKAGE TO BE OFFERED IEG.

3. REF (B), WHICH AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO INFORM IEG THAT USG CAN OFFER $5 MILLION CREDIT IN FY74, MADE NO MENTION
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OF HMS ETHIOPIA. DISCUSSIONS NOW UNDERWAY WITH MOD TO

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DETERMINE ITEMS IEG DESIRES TO INCLUDE IN CREDIT PACKAGE.

4. DECISION ON HMS ETHIOPIA OVERHAUL BECOMING INCREASINGLY CRITICAL AS NEW DEPUTY COMMANDER, IEN IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH HIS BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO MOD.

5. REQUEST ADVISE IF WE CAN PROPOSE TO IEG THAT HMS ETHIOPIA OVERHAUL LABOR COSTS BE ONE OF ITEMS INCLUDED IN FMS CREDIT PACKAGE. IF NOT, WHAT IS ALTERNATE SOLUTION?
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